



California Department of Parks and Recreation

Office of Grants and Local Services

WHAT'S NEW?

December 2003

2002 Resources Bond Act ~~ Grant Program Updates

- **Public Comments Period on Guidelines for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF)**

The LWCF Program Procedural Guide is currently being revised. The draft guidelines for this program will be available on December 18, 2003 on the LWCF Program [website](#). Follow the link to *Grants and Bond Acts*. **The public comment period on the draft procedural guide will begin on December 18, 2003, and will end on January 21, 2004.** Public comments regarding the draft guidelines will be accepted by mail, e-mail or at the two public hearings. If you are interested in commenting on the draft guidelines, please contact Albert Ventura at (916) 651-8579 or avent@parks.ca.gov. **Comments are due by January 21, 2004.**

Public hearings regarding the guidelines are scheduled for **Tuesday, January 13, 2004** in Sacramento and **Thursday, January 15, 2004** in Santa Ana. At each of the public meetings, staff will provide an informational program overview and answer questions regarding the guidelines from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you have questions about the program, you are encouraged to attend the program overview session since staff will not be able to answer questions during the public hearings. The public hearing will be conducted from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., where comments on the draft guidelines will be accepted.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Public Hearings on Draft Procedural Guide

	Sacramento	Santa Ana
Date:	Tuesday, January 13, 2004	Thursday, January 15, 2004
Briefing:	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Hearing:	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location:	South Natomas Community Center 2901 Truxel Road Sacramento, CA 95815	Delhi Center 505 East Central Avenue Santa Ana, CA 92707

- **Changes in Language for Required Proposition 12 Signs**

The language and logo on required signs for Proposition 12 (2000 Park Bond) has changed as a result of the recent election. The new [guidelines](#) including a link to the new graphics are now available. If you have already posted your sign, you will not have to replace it. As a reminder, the sign requirement applies to Proposition 12 projects only. Please contact your project officer if you have questions.

- **Changes in Land Acquisition Procedures - Disbursement of Funds for Advances**

Effective immediately, all advances for land acquisition projects funded through our Office will be deposited directly into an escrow account. The new [procedure](#) is now available. Please call your project officer with any questions.

- **Technical Assistance Workshops:**

**California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program
and
State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Grant Program**

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) is in the process of finalizing Technical Assistance Workshops for these programs. It is anticipated that workshops will take place in February and March 2004. Specific information on meeting locations will be posted as it becomes available on the Department's website.

- **Project Officer Assignments:**

A complete list of OGALS [project officers](#) and their contact information is available.

- **Status of Grant Programs:**

You may review the [status](#) of all grant programs administered by OGALS.

- **Contact Information:**

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